

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application  
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PATENT APPLICATION  
Art Unit: 2157  
Examiner: Ramy M. Osman  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of August 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.